

February 2, 2022

Submitted via email: ccpubliccomment@southpasadenaca.gov

Re: Public Comment on Item 13, Resolution Condemning the City's History as a Sundown Town and Past Practices of Institutionalized Racism

Dear Mayor Cacciotti and City Councilmembers:

We are fully supportive of the proposed Sundown Town and Past Practices of Institutionalized Racism Resolution and look forward to working with the city in the coming months and years to see that it is fully implemented.

South Pasadena was a sundown town in the early 20th Century. Blacks, Latinos and Asian Americans were not permitted to live in the city unless they were live-in servants or caretakers. They were required to leave town by sundown. A 1947 newspaper described South Pasadena as "an example of the extreme to which the trend toward restrictive racial and religious covenants can go."

Our sundown town status did not result from a pervasive racist culture or lax civil rights protections, but rather from White supremacy, which infused official city policies and practices. South Pasadena city government didn't merely harbor racist views; it took away rights under color of law. Because South Pasadena codified white supremacy, it must now put its whole weight behind eradicating.

Acknowledgement and apology are a start, but because people of color often bear the disproportionate brunt of policies thought to be color blind, special attention must be paid. That's why we particularly support the resolution's pledge to systematically evaluate all ordinances, policies, and practices for their racial impact. Indeed, the racial impact analysis provision is perhaps the most important and powerful part of the resolution—and potentially the most enduring.

We also support the city's commitment to reviewing state and local policy to take positions consistent with reversing past racist policies and decreasing racial disparities; creation of a stakeholder process for community members to provide feedback on the city's realization of its goals; and aiming to diversify commissions.

So let's pass the Resolution tonight. It's about time.

Sincerely,

**Care First South Pasadena
Anti-Racism Committee (ARC) of South Pasadena**

**Coalition for an Anti-Racist Glendale
Tara Peterson, CEO, YWCA Glendale and Pasadena**

Public Comment on Item 13, Resolution Condemning the City's History as a Sundown Town and Past Practices of Institutionalized Racism

1. Megan Adams
2. Alexander Aquino
3. Ahilan Arulanantham
4. Matthew Barbato
5. Amedee Barry
6. Roxsann Barry
7. David Beadle
8. Sierra Betinis
9. Erin Bonz
10. Felicie Borredon
11. Laurent Borredon
12. Michael Bruskin
13. Hailey Bugg
14. Colin Burgess
15. Ava Dunville
16. Jonathan M. Eisenberg
17. Barbara Eisenstein
18. Richard Elbaum
19. Owen Ellickson
20. Riko Enomoto
21. M. Paige Fillion
22. Tzung-lin Fu
23. Rachel Grayczyk
24. Michelle Hammond
25. Lynda Harkness
26. Tanita Harris-Ligons
27. Kate Hillel
28. Will Hoadley-Brill
29. Che Hurley
30. Nancy Hurley
31. Ella Hushagen
32. Phung Huynh
33. Amber Jaeger
34. Sam Jaeger
35. Tasha Jenkins
36. Eryn Kalavsky
37. Matthew Kalavsky
38. Cassandra Kaldor
39. William Kelly
40. Afshin Ketabi
41. Kristin Kuhlman
42. Noah Kuhn
43. Jae Eun Karen Kwak
44. Caitlin Lainoff
45. Kara Lane
46. Danny Le
47. Todd Leonard
48. Melissa Lien
49. Sofia Lopez Singleton
50. Casey MacGregor-Toshima
51. Nicholas Mancuso
52. Elana Mann
53. Robin Meyer
54. Sean Meyer
55. Cassie McCarty
56. Debra McCurdy
57. Janet McIntyre
58. O'Ryan McKinney
59. Sharon Mizota
60. Julia Moreno Perri
61. Ayaka Nakaji
62. Carla Obert
63. Melissa Pena
64. David Perez-Espinosa
65. Sarah Perez-Silverman
66. Natasha Prime
67. Alexandra Ramirez
68. Laura Riley
69. Allison Schreiner
70. Barrett Schreiner
71. Gretchen Schulz
72. Sandy Shannon
73. Christopher B. Smith
74. John Srebalus
75. Lulu Talesnick Lopez'
76. Drew Tager
77. Nicholas Taylor
78. Andrew Terhune
79. Cassandra Terhune
80. Richard Tom
81. Helen Tran
82. Stefani Williams
83. Jean Yu